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This is in response to the Office Action of April 13, 2011. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the subject matter of claims 1 and 2 (as they were at the time of the Office Action) is patentable over the prior art. In order to deal with a rejection as to form, claims 1 and 2 are replaced by new claims 13 and 14, which have – respectively – the same scope as allowable claims 1 and 2. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Claims 1 and 2 are accordingly cancelled, without prejudice.

REMARKS

Interview

Applicants wish to express their gratitude to Examiner Wilson for the courtesies extended to their representative, Richard Gallagher, during the course of an interview on June 1, 2011. During the interview, the foregoing amendment was indicated by the Examiner to be acceptable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement, due to their recitation of a formula (B-X). While Applicants do not agree with this holding, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, independent claim 1 has been rewritten as new independent claim 13 – to replace formula (B-X), which the Examiner alleges is not supported, with the formula (H-II), which the Examiner indicates is supported. It is noted that a specific embodiment of formula (H-II) is formula (H-I) on page 57 of the specification. It is respectfully submitted that claims 13 and 14 hereinabove are fully supported and are in condition for allowance.

Contact information

Please contact Richard Gallagher, Reg. No. 28,781, at (703) 205-8008 with any questions concerning the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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